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11. In response to reftel, the Embassy contacted Hala Baber, a front office staffer in the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Baber informed us that Maria Wilkins, UNFICYP's senior administrative officer, recently had assumed the mission's "gender focal point" role, charged with educating UN civilian and military personnel about sexual harassment, exploitation and trafficking. Wilkins leads mandatory training sessions for all new personnel, she noted. Further, UNFICYP enforces the SYG's "zero tolerance" policy, per circular #56, with regard to any local establishments that likely sponsor prostitution. As of January 2008, there had been no reported cases of UN peacekeepers violating the policy, Baber revealed.

13. (U) Neither local media nor NGOs reported incidents of TIP/SEA misconduct by UNFICYP personnel during the reporting period.
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